

POLICY MANUAL

State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services

POLICY 1036 (SYS) 05-3 Vision Statement

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References	STATE BOARD POLICY 1016 (SYS) 86-23 Policy Goal of the Commonwealth for a Comprehensive, Community-Based System for Services STATE BOARD POLICY 1033 (SYS) 95-1 Mission, Values, and Vision Statement <i>Envision the Possibilities: An Integrated Strategic Plan for Virginia's Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services System, 2005</i>
Supersedes	STATE BOARD POLICY 1033 (SYS) 95-1 Mission, Values, and Vision Statement
Background	<p>STATE BOARD POLICY 1016 was adopted by the Board in response to several General Assembly resolutions: House Joint Resolution 9 in 1980, House Joint Resolution 85 in 1986, and Senate Joint Resolution 60 in 1986. It articulates the Board's policy to support the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, consumer-focused, and community-based system of services and supports for individuals with mental illnesses, mental retardation, or substance use (alcohol or other drug dependence or abuse) disorders, that community services boards should be responsible for the continuity of all services to consumers, and that the Department should provide the direction, technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation that will ensure consistent and effective standards for and delivery of services to meet the needs of consumers.</p> <p>STATE BOARD POLICY 1033 articulated the then current mission, values, and vision of the Board and the Department. This policy stated the mission of the Board and the Department: to improve the quality of life for people with mental illnesses, mental retardation, and substance use disorders by providing the very best services at the most reasonable cost to Virginians. This is accomplished through a coordinated system of care that respects and promotes the dignity, rights, and full participation of individuals and their families. State Board Policy 1036 supercedes this earlier policy.</p>

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Background
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For the past two years, the Board, department staff, and representatives of community services boards, the behavioral health authority, consumers, family members, and advocacy groups have been developing an *Integrated Strategic Plan* through a process involving hundreds of interested individuals. This plan outlines a framework for transforming Virginia's publicly funded mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services system.

This system consists of the Department and the state hospitals and training centers that it operates; a network of community services boards and one behavioral health authority, hereafter referred to as CSBs; local governments; private and public providers of a broad array of services licensed by the Department; and providers of other supports such as housing, job training, social services, and income assistance. The *Integrated Strategic Plan* contains a vision statement and core values to guide the transformation of the publicly funded services system.

Purpose

To articulate a vision statement to guide the development and operations of the public mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services system.

**Vision
Statement**

Our vision is of a consumer-driven system of services and supports that promotes self-determination, empowerment, recovery, resilience, health, and the highest possible level of consumer participation in all aspects of community life, including work, school, family, and other meaningful relationships. This vision also includes the principles of inclusion, participation, and partnership.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board that the vision statement shall guide the development and operations of the public mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services system. The Department, state hospitals and training centers operated by the department, and CSBs shall integrate the vision, values, and principles in this statement into the services that they provide and shall incorporate this vision and these values and principles in their policies, procedures, and daily operations. Further, it is the policy of the Board that the vision, values, and principles in the vision statement shall be reflected in and implemented through all instructions, contracts, and documents issued, entered into, or distributed by the Department, state hospitals and training centers, or CSBs. Finally, it is the policy of the Board that the Department, state hospitals and training centers, and CSBs shall seek feedback from consumers, family members, and advocacy groups about the extent to which they have implemented this policy and report the results of this feedback periodically to the Board.
